

Lafayette County Commission On Aging Advisory Committee
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Lafayette County Human Services provides an array of cost effective, quality services, and community-based support for individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

Advisory Committee members present: John Bartels, Mary Jo Finkenbinder, Carol Korn, Chris Parkinson, Lekan White (Vicki Whitford and Leon Wolfe were excused)

LCHS staff present: Kate Chambers, Kristine Brunkow

Others present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by John Bartels at 1:10 p.m. The meeting was properly posted at the Courthouse, City Library, Lafayette County Human Services and e-mailed to The Republican Journal.
- B. Motion by Mary Jo Finkenbinder, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the agenda as posted; carried.
- C. Motion by Carol Korn, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting as printed; carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. No public comments were submitted.

III. MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. **Driver Escort**-The month of August had 10 drivers for a total of \$1,112.72. The month of September had 7 drivers for a total of \$965.02.
- B. **Transportation**-The month of August had 7 shopping trips and the month of September had 7 shopping trips. Trips included: Thrifty Shoppers Trip; Gays Mills Apple Trip; Homemakers Trip and the Lafayette Manor had two trips.

The two new busses arrived on September 25th.
- C. **Home Chore Program**-There was 20 clients served in August and September.
- D. **Upper Horizon Newsletter**-The cost of the August newsletter was \$426.10 and for September was \$432.48.
- E. **Alzheimer & Dementia Alliance**-The month of August had \$1,910.25 in disbursements and the month of September had \$2,251.00 in disbursements for Alzheimer & Dementia Respite, Personal Care and Supportive Services.

- F. **Lafayette County Nurses**-The month of August had \$8,475.98 in disbursements (this is for January through August) and the month of September had \$1,735.59 in disbursements.

Medical Alerts-The cost for medical alerts for August was \$597.45 and for September was \$569.00.

ADRC- Elder Benefit Specialist-The EBS worked with 50 individuals in the areas of Legal/Benefit Assistance. The monetary impact benefits were \$209,270.00.

Disability Benefit Specialist-The DBS worked with 75 individuals in the areas of Medicaid and SSI/SSDI eligibility. The monetary impact benefits were \$221,841.00.

Information & Assistance-There were 116 contacts for August and September in the area of abuse and neglect, assistive technology, education, housing, in-home services, legal services and public benefits.

- G. Motion by Leean White, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the Monthly Reports as presented; carried.

- IV. **SUN PROGRAM REPORT**- John Bartels and Carol Korn discussed the Lafayette County Public Hearing that was on November 12, 2013. There was discussion at the Hearing regarding funding that was needed for the SUN Program. A letter from Iowa County Board was read by Jack Sauer regarding the need for the SUN Program. E & H will provide SUN with the \$8000.00 needed from Lafayette County.

- V. **LAFAYETTE COUNTY 2014 s85.21 APPLICATION**- A Public Hearing was held before the meeting today regarding the s85.21 Application. There were no public comments.

Motion by Leean White to approve the s85.21 Applications and forward it to the Department of Transportation, second by Chris Parkinson: motion carried.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Follow up issues from September meeting:

- Ms. Chambers contacted Cecile McManus from the SUN Program regarding the DUWI grant that is available in Darlington.
- She is also in contact with Jack Sauer regarding the storage for the new buses. Options are being reviewed, but at this time, there is no solution.
- Ms. Chambers contacted Jerry's Automotive regarding the vinyl signage for the new buses. At this time, she is waiting for the estimates. The Board discussed the various options for the buses. It was decided to have signage on all four sides of the bus. "Lafayette County" should be on the front of the bus.

- B. New Buses: State Patrol inspected the new buses on October 25th, 2013. The larger bus failed inspection due to an incomplete first aid kit and padding for the lift. Ms. Chambers received the padding from the manufacturer yesterday. Bobby Long will be able to install the padding. E & H are working on disposing the two old buses. They will be going through Mount Horeb Auction Service. There was a newspaper article in the Republican Journal regarding the new buses for Lafayette County. In the article, it failed to mention E & H providing the 20% match. Ms. Chambers contacted the Republican Journal to get this information in the paper.
- C. Lafayette County Human Services received their funding for the Older Americans Title III programs in the amount of \$69,215.00.
- D. Handout- The US Senate Committee approved the reauthorization of the OAA funding. Tammy Baldwin was involved with this legislation. Another handout regarding the Older Americans Act Reauthorization of 2013 for information purposes.
- E. Ms. Chambers wrote for a grant for the MIPPA program through GWAAR. This grant for \$3000.00 was approved for Lafayette County.
- F. Ms. Chambers was given a letter by Susan Elzen regarding a change of hours for 2014. Ms. Elzen is requesting that she works 24 hours a week beginning in January, 2014. She has been working on a schedule that will include home chore duties and feels she will be able to do her duties effectively in this timeframe.

Motion from Leean White to approve the 24 hours per week for Ms. Elzen, but would like the Human Services Board to keep the budget at 30 hours. The committee would like this position change to be reviewed in 6 months. Second by Mary Jo Finkenbinder; motion carried. Ms. Chambers will forward this recommendation to Shane Schuhmacher and the Lafayette County Human Services Board.
- G. Handout- Ms. Chambers distributed the List of Challenges Facing Older Adults, Persons with Developmental, Intellectual or Physical Disabilities and Mental Health Issues in striving for economic security and a good quality of life in their community. This was developed by the ADRC of Southwest Wisconsin and the ADRC of Eagle County. Leann White was present during this meeting and thought this meeting was very informative and productive.
- H. November is Family Caregiver's Month. The Caregiver Renewal day for 2013 was held in Green County on November 8th.

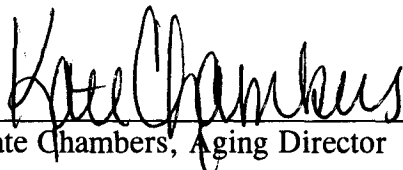
I. Future Events:

- The ADRC will be replacing and updating some signage that is located on or near the Municipal Building. The ADRC logo will be used on the windows and in front of the building. Ms. Chambers is working with the City of Darlington to update the red triangle signs in the front and the side of the Municipal Building to add the ADRC.
- Lafayette County will be celebrating Older Driver Safety Awareness week in December for the Volunteer Driver Escorts. Car inspections will be offered, the Volunteer Driver Handbook will be provided, How to Help an Older Driver guide will be provided, and the drivers will receive an orange clip board with a calculator.
- The ADRC of Southwest will be advertising on billboards in the four County area. The billboards will be located near Belmont and Cuba City for Lafayette County.
- Lafayette County healthcare providers and other interested individuals will be having an informational session regarding the ACA – Marketplace at the Darlington High School on November 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Bobby Long was pictured in the paper with the Lafayette County Manor residents.
- A Thank You note from the Lafayette County HCE for the bus tour on October 17th was sent to Bobby Long.

VI. ADJOURN

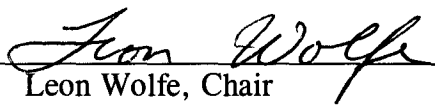
- A. The next meeting was set for **Wednesday, January 15, 2014** at 1:00 p.m.
- B. Motion by Mary Jo Finkenbinder; second by Leean White to adjourn the meeting; carried.
- C. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Leon Wolfe at _____.

Reviewed by _____


Kate Chambers, Aging Director

1-15-14
Date

Approved by _____


Leon Wolfe, Chair

1-15-14
Date